229. The following proposals were under the consideration of Government :—

		Rs.
1.	Construction of one more R. C. C. tank of two lakhs gallons capacity at Davangere.	1,20,000
2.	Underground Drainage Scheme ...	9,72,000
3.	Construction of Municipal High School building.	72,000

230. The public health of the city was generally good except for the outbreak of plague during the early part of July 1949 to the end of August 1949. All possible preventive measures were adopted to check the spread of epidemic.

231. Mosquito control work was also undertaken at a cost of Rs. 11,000.

232. Bye-laws for regulating the dangerous and offensive trades and for regulating the construction of buildings in Davangere City were sanctioned.

(xi) Administration of District Boards.

233. All the nine District Boards which were reconstituted for a period of three years from 1st June 1947 continued to function during the year. The total number of members on these Boards was 262 (262), of which 177 were elected, 52 nominated and 33 *ex-officio* members.

234. The District Boards. except Mandya District Board, held 30 (48) meetings during the year.

235. The revenue and expenditure of the District Boards, except Mandya District Board, under all the heads amounted to Rs. 27,08,058 (Rs. 17,47,420) and Rs. 29,46,117 (Rs. 22,42,170) respectively. The revenue under service heads was Rs. 18,25,689 (Rs. 17,47,420), of which a sum of Rs. 10,10,662 (Rs. 12,87,347) was realised from Local Cesses, Rs. 1,18,179 (Rs. 1,41,758) from Tolls and Ferries; Rs. 3,50,337 (Rs. 1,49,630) from Fees, Fines and Miscellaneous; and Rs. 3,46,511 (Rs. 1,68,685) from contributions and Grants-in-aid. The expenditure under Service Heads was Rs. 19,87,465 (Rs. 22,42,170), of which a sum of Rs. 5,93,021 (Rs. 7,85,900) was spent on works

executed by the Public Works Department, Rs. 6,00,692 (Rs. 6,41,205) on works executed by the direct agency of the District Boards; Rs. 75,592 (Rs. 2,65,447) on Administration and Collection; Rs. 5,60,856 (Rs. 4,31,321) on Public Health, Safety and conveyance and Rs. 57,304 (Rs. 1,18,297) on accommodation for travellers and on miscellaneous items.

236. New Ayurvedic Dispensaries were sanctioned at Doddapatangere in Chickmagalur District and at Belagutti in Shimoga District. Veterinary Dispensaries were sanctioned at Yeraballi and Byadarahalli in Chitaldrug District, at Bilikere in Mysore District and at Hithala in Shimoga District. New High Schools were started at Maradihalli, in Chitaldrug District, at Nuggihalli and Rayanakoppal in Hassan District, at Varthur in Bangalore District and at Gudibanda in Kolar District. The Occupational Institute at Hassan was also started during the year.

Beggar Relief Scheme.

237. *Receiving Centre.*—One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three (1,718) beggars were arrested by the warders of the Colony. Of these, 732 were released by the Receiving Officer after detailed examination in each case. The remaining beggars were produced before the Magistrate and on enquiry, the Court released 821 beggars as against 827 during the previous year. Twenty-six beggars who were found to be incorrigible, were sentenced by Court to undergo simple imprisonment for a period ranging from two weeks to twelve weeks in the Central Jail. One hundred and ninety-five beggars were ordered to be detained and transferred to the Relief Centre for being maintained in the Colony. One hundred and thirty-five non-Mysorean beggar offenders were repatriated upto the State border.

238. *Relief Centre.*—One hundred and ninety-five beggars were received from the Receiving Centre as against 108 during 1948-49. The opening balance was 109 as against 49 in the previous year. The total number of beggars who were permanently detained and given food and clothing in the Relief Centre during the year was 304 as against 157 during the previous year. Of these, 59 beggars were discharged on production of proper surety.